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Responsive to the notice to comply mailed January 29, 2004, please amend the referenced patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification appear on page 2 of this paper.

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